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**PATENT****IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of:

Robert M. Grow et al.

Application No: 09/539,795

Filed: March 31, 2000

For: Switching Fabric Including a Plurality  
of Crossbar Sections (as previously  
amended)

Examiner: Elallam

Art Unit: 2662

Confirmation No.: 9721

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT and REMARKS**

Dear Sir:

Applicants file this Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and Preliminary Amendment in response to the Final Office Action of March 28, 2005 and as a result of an Examiner Interview conducted on May 19, 2005. Please consider the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 13 of this paper.

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